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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forest's - Lease - Drupa (Vateria Indica)
seeds - Lease for manufacture of edible
vegetable butter - Orders passed

Copy of letter No.5803/51-E dated 20-7-1951. From the Chief Conservator^{for} of Forests, Mount Road, Madras to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, Madras - 9.

Sub:- Extraction of Edible Vegetable Butter from *Vateria indica* seeds.

Ref:- Government Endorsement No.38419-CII/51-1 dated 13-4-1951.

A copy of the report No.3519/50-A1 dated 2-5-1951 from the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund circle is submitted. It is estimated that there are about 5000 mature Dhupa trees in the Reserves and unreserves of South Kanara which may yield about 500 tons of fruits annually. The vegetable butter is being manufactured to some extent in the interior villages by manual labour and used for domestic purposes. In Wynad Division of Malabar District, it is estimated that 30,000 to 50,000 lbs. of seeds can be collected annually. These seeds are not used for manufacture of vegetable butter.

2. Dhupa (*Vateria indica*) is one of the most suitable trees very greatly in demand by the plywood and matchwood industries. The Conservator states that by leasing the seeds of these trees in South Kanara, it will not be possible to extract them for the manufacture of plywood. Even if the mature trees are reserved for extraction of timber, there will be very large numbers of undermature trees that will yield seed for manufacture of vegetable butter. In this connection Government's attention is invited to Government Memorandum No.93493-P and D II/50-7 Development Department (P & D) dated 16-3-1951 and my reply in Chief Conservator's Ref.No.5804/51-E dated 14-7-51. There are now two applicants M/s. Fibres Co., Ltd., Newsari Chambers, Outram Road, Bombay and Indian Horizons Ltd., 33 Officers Mess Road, St. Thomas Mount Road, Madras, both interested in the manufacture of vegetable butter. I propose that the lease may be sold in public auction, the lease period being fixed as nine years.

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For Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Enclosures.

Copy of the report No.3519/50-A1 dated 2-5-51 from the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle, Ootacamund, to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras-2.

Sub:- *Vateria Indica* - Extraction of vegetable butter from *Variera Indica* seeds - Proposal.

Ref:- Chief Conservator's Ref.No.5803/51-E1 dated 20-4-1951.

The Forest Utilization Officer, Madras has already called for, in his Ref.No.921/50-K dated 29-9-1950, from the District Forest Officers, South Kanara, Wynad and Nilambur, etc. Particulars regarding the approximate quantity of trees or vegetable fat that could be collected annually from the accessible areas of the Divisions, and the usefulness of the tree, with reference to letter No.1429/50-C1 dated 25-9-50 from the Director of Agriculture.

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2. The District Forest Officers have reported as follows:—

South Kanara:- About 5000 mature Dhupa trees are available now for exploitation in the Reserves and Unreserves of the Division. These may yield about 500 tons of fruits annually. The vegetable butter is manufactured by manual labour by the villagers of the interior villages of the District for their domestic use.

The District Forest Officer suggests that if it is proposed to exploit the trees for butter manufacture, the species should not be allowed to be felled hereafter, as is now being done for the manufacture of plywood.

Wynaad Division:- The District Forest Officer reports that a quantity of 30,000 to 50,000 lbs. of seeds of *Vateria indica* can be collected annually from his Division. In addition, about 50 lbs. of resin can also be collected annually from *Vateria indica* trees.

Nilambur Division:- The trees occur very sparsely in the accessible areas of evergreen forests of the Division. Therefore, no exploitation is possible.

3. If it is proposed to lease the *Vateria indica* trees to collect the usufructs from South Kanara Division for a period of 9 years as requested by the Indian Horizon Ltd., Madras, then the extraction of the trees for plywood will not be possible, for which a scheme, for working of trees these trees, has been called for in C.C.P.Ms.No.410 dated 6-10-50 and No.6308/51-E dated 28-3-51. The scheme is submitted separately in my endorsement Ref.No.2842/50-A1 dated 2-5-51.

4. Copies of Ref.No.4346/50-C2 dated 30-11-50 from the District Forest Officer, S. Kanara to the Forest Utilization Officer, Madras. (and its enclosure), and Ref. No. Cl. 4985/50 dt. 2.12.50 of District Forest Officer, Wynaad are enclosed for information.

Copy of Ref.No.4346/50-C2 dated 30-11-50 from the District Forest Officer, S. Kanara to the Forest Utilisation Officer, Madras.

Sub:- *Vateria Indica* - Manufacture of Vegetable butter from fruits - Proposals.

Ref:- Your No.921/50-K dated 29-9-1950 and 23-10-50.

It is very good idea to exploit *Vateria indica* (locally called Dhupa) for the manufacture of edible vegetable butter. In the interior villages of this District this is being done every year on a small scale by manual labour by the villagers for their bona fide domestic use. If some commercial firm is willing to tap this source on a large scale I am sure it will be, not only a good investment but also will produce some revenue to Government. In fact, I have already received an enquiry from Messrs. Fibres Co., Ltd., Bombay (Copy enclosed) applying for the lease of the right of collecting Dhupa fruits for manufacture of vegetable butter and the matter is under consideration.

2. Dhupa trees standing in the roadsides and in the easily accessible forests of this Division have been felled during the war period and thereafter till 1948-49 Messrs. Western India Match Co., Ltd., were utilizing this timber for matchwood. Now it is being sold for manufacture of plywood and I am of opinion that trees of this species should not be allowed to be felled hereafter if it is proposed to exploit them for the manufacture of edible vegetable butter.

3. About 5000 Mature Dhupa trees may be available now for exploitation in the Reserves and unreserves of this division and these may yield about 500 tons of fruits annually. The season for collection of ripe fruits is May - June.

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Copy of letter No.Nil dated 1st November, 1950 of Fibres Co., Ltd., Navsari Chamber Outram Road, Bombay to the District Forest Officer, S. Kanara.

Our representative Mr. T.N. Shenoy had been to South Kanara for finding out the possibilities of collecting the Vateria indica fruits. Certain information given to ^{us} by Mr. Shenoy we intend starting experiments on the said fruits and try to make them industrially useful.

We request that in order to facilitate our project the right of collection of vateria fruits may be sold to us as a separate unit for the whole district. In that case you will please be good enough to send us a copy of the sale notice to us as early as possible for the year 1st January, 1951 to 31st December, 1951.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Copy of Ref.No.CI-4985/50 dated 2-12-50 from District Forest Officer Wynad to the Forest Utilization Officer, Madras.

Sub:- Vegetable butter and aromatic resin from Vateria Indica-indica-Availability of.

Ref:- Your No.921/50-K dated 29-9-50.

It is estimated that it will be possible to collect about 30,000 to 50,000 lbs. of seeds of Vateria indica trees from which edible vegetable butter can be produced. The seeds are not at present being made use of, but are allowed to go waste. In addition to the above, about 50 lbs. of resin can also be collected annually.

Copy of Ref.No.921/50-K dated 11.5.51 from the Forest Utilization Officer, Madras to the District Forest Officer, South Kanara.

Sub:- Vateria indica - Manufacture of vegetable butter.

Ref:- Your C.No.1132/51-C2 dated 23-3-51 to Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund circle, copied to me.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter C.No.4346/50-C2 dated 30-11-50 to the Director of Agriculture. As it would be seen from the Director of Agriculture letter No.C1-1429/50 dated 25-9-50 that the details asked for by him are only for his information and as no further letter has been received from him after my letter above, the matter may be treated as closed for the present.

Copy of Ref.No.3519/50-A1 dated 17-5-1951.

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, in continuation of this office Ref.No.3519/50-A1 dated 2-5-51(para 1).

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Sd. V. S. Kuppaswamy, Conservators of Forests, Ootacamund Circle, Ootacamund.

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R. M. S. Kuppaswamy

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of edible vegetable butter - Orders passed.

Development Department(C.II)
G.O.Ms.No.4222.

Dated: 24-9-51
Read the following:-

Letter dated Nil from Messrs Indian Horizan Ltd.,
St. Thomas Mount, Madras.
From the Chief Conservators of Forests, No.5303/51-E
dated 25-1-1951.
Letter No.IH/Ms/8491 dated 30-7-1951 from M/s. Indian
Horizan Ltd., Madras.
From the Chief Conservator of Forests Ref.No.5803/51-E
dated 5-9-1951.

ORDER:

In the circumstances reported, the Government accept the
proposal of the Chief Conservator of Forests and direct that the
lease to collect dhupa (Vateria Indica) seeds in the districts
of South Kanara, Malabar, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli be sold
in public auction, the lease period being fixed as 5 years.
The lease should be on royalty basis.

2. Messrs Indian Horizan Ltd., are informed that they may bid
in the auction sales, if so advised, for the lease to collect
Vateria Indica seeds required for the manufacture of vegetable
butter.

/By Order etc./

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Secretary to Government.

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To
The Chief Conservator of Forests,.
Copy to Accountant General thro' Finance.
Copy to the Managing Agents, Indian Horizon Ltd.,
33, Officers Mess Road, St. Thomas, Mount,
Madras-16.

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R. M. Rajagopal
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